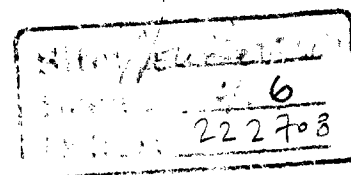




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Mr. Gerard Sotolongo
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Dear Gerry:

Thank you for sending me a review of the executive summary of NUS Project No. 0725.16 on the New Bedford remedial action. Perhaps because of my involvement in EPA's Clean Water Act in-place pollutant study program and the Corps of Engineers Dredged Materials Research Program, this summary left some major questions in my mind regarding the completeness of the technology evaluation. Perhaps some more information may help relieve this feeling. Could you provide me with a list of references used in the technology screening. What was the listing of technologies considered in the first cut? Is there a technology scoring sheet available? What were the qualifications of those involved in the scoring? How was the scoring conducted? Because of the long-reaching potential impacts of this proposed action, does the EPA consider submitting the NUS document for independent peer review or third-party value engineering? I suspect you will receive similar questions in the public's review of this document.

Could we arrange to meet to discuss these questions and your plans for the formal review of the NUS report? Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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